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STATE OF CONNECTICUT**AN ACT****REGULATING THE PRACTICE OF PROFESSIONAL NURSING OF THE SICK**

Became a law June 6, 1905

SECTION 1. From and after July 1, 1905, there shall be a board of examination and registration of nurses, composed of five members, appointed by the governor, and all vacancies in said board shall be filled by the governor in like manner. The members of said board shall be residents of the State of Connecticut and shall be practical nurses, each of whom shall be a graduate of a training-school for nurses which gives a two years' course in a general hospital, and shall have had at least eight years' experience in professional nursing of the sick. Each member shall be appointed for a term of three years from the date when the appointment shall take effect, except those first appointed, who shall serve as follows: one for one year, two for two years, and two for three years from the date their appointments take effect respectively, and except a person appointed to fill a vacancy, who shall be appointed for the unexpired term.

SEC. 2. Said board shall, at the first meeting thereof, and at the annual meeting which shall be held on the first Wednesday in June, 1906, and on the first Wednesday in June in each year thereafter, elect from its own number a president and a secretary who shall also be treasurer. Said board may adopt a seal, and may adopt such by-laws, rules and regulations for the transaction of the business of the board and the government and management of its affairs, not inconsistent with the laws of this state and of the United States, as it may deem expedient. Three members of said board shall constitute a quorum, and special meetings shall be called upon request of any two members. On request of said board the comptroller shall provide a suitable room in the capitol for its meetings.

SEC. 3. The members of said board shall receive their actual necessary expenses incurred in the discharge of their duties, and the secretary shall receive a salary to be fixed by the board, not to exceed one hundred dollars per year. Said expenses and said salary shall be paid out of the receipts of said board as hereinafter specified.

SEC. 4. At a meeting of said board to be held within sixty days after the appointment of the members thereof, and at the annual meeting in each year thereafter and at such special meetings as said board may deem necessary to hold for that purpose, notice of each of which meetings shall be given by publication in such newspapers as the board may determine at least one month previous to such meetings, said board shall examine all applicants for registration under the provisions of this act to determine their qualifications for the efficient nursing of the sick. Any person twenty-one years of age or over and of good moral character who shall show to the satisfaction of the board that he or she is a graduate of a training-school for nurses which gives a two years' course in a public or private hospital where medical, surgical, and obstetrical cases are received and treated, or has had such experience as said board shall find to be equivalent thereto, shall be eligible for such examination upon payment of a fee of five dollars, to be deposited upon the filing of the application

for examination. Said examination shall include the subjects of elementary anatomy and physiology, medical, surgical, and obstetrical nursing, dietetics, and home sanitation. If such applicant shall pass said examination to the satisfaction of the board, said board shall issue a certificate of registration to said applicant.

SEC. 5. Any person twenty-one years of age or over and of good moral character, applying for registration within two years from the passage of this act, and who shall, by affidavit or otherwise, show to the satisfaction of the board that he or she is a graduate of a training-school for nurses which gives a two-years' course in a public or private hospital where medical, surgical, and obstetrical cases are received and treated, or that he or she was, at the passage of this act, a student in such training-school for nurses and afterwards was graduated therefrom, or has had such other experience as said board shall find to be equivalent thereto, shall be eligible for registration without examination, upon payment of a fee of five dollars.

SEC. 6. Said board may cancel the registration of any person who has been convicted of any felony, or of any crime or misdemeanor in the practice of the profession of nursing.

SEC. 7. It shall be unlawful, after two years from the passage of this act, for any person to practice professional nursing in this state as a registered nurse without having a certificate of registration. A nurse who has received such certificate shall be styled and known as a "Registered Nurse," and no other person shall assume such title, or use the abbreviation "R.N." or any other words, letters, or figures to indicate that the person using the same is such a registered nurse. Every person who shall violate any provision of this act, who shall wilfully make false representation to said board in applying for a certificate of registration, shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars; *provided*, that nothing in this act shall be held to apply to the acts of any person nursing the sick who does not represent himself or herself to be a registered nurse. The board shall cause to be presented to the proper prosecuting officer evidence of any violation of the provisions of this act and may incur any necessary expenses in the performance of this duty, said expenses to be paid out of the receipts of said board.

SEC. 8. All fees collected by said board under the provisions of this act shall be paid to the secretary of the board, and said secretary shall pay from the moneys so received the salary of said secretary and the necessary expenses of the members as provided in section three of this act, also for books, stationery, and other necessary expenses of the board; *provided*, that said board shall create or incur no expense exceeding the sum received from time to time as fees under the provisions of this act. The secretary shall before taking office give to the state a bond, with surety, conditioned for the faithful performance of the duties of said office, in the penal sum of not less than five hundred dollars; and shall keep an account of all moneys received and expended as aforesaid and shall render a detailed statement thereof to the comptroller on or before July first in each year.

SEC. 9. This act shall take effect from its passage.